

To: Nebraska School Administrators
From: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, Immunization Program
Date: September 2015
Subject: Annual School Immunization Report

Please forward this information to everyone in your district responsible for completing the Nebraska Immunization Program School Immunization Report.

Information you will need for survey is listed below. Have all information ready before opening the survey link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNQ89X5>

Copy & paste link in browser or hold control down and click the link

As the deadline (November 15, 2015) for your Annual School Immunization Report approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important details regarding your report. This information has **not** been sent to school nurses or to individual school buildings so please **FORWARD** this information to all people in your district responsible for filling out the Immunization reports.

According to state statute, the board of education, school board, or governing authority shall assure that all school children are appropriately immunized **prior** to attending classes. Violation of these requirements is a Class V misdemeanor. Immunization requirements are not unique to Nebraska. All 50 states specify immunization and/or waiver requirements for school attendance. Reference documents can be found at:

http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/immunization_forms.aspx

Immunization records must be maintained on **all** students, but information on only three groups needs to be reported: students entering school for the first time (kindergarten or 1st grade); 7th graders; and all out-of-state transfer students (including foreign exchange students). A detailed list of information that must be collected is included at the end of this memo. When completing the online report, each child must be included in the enrollment numbers and must be accounted for in each required vaccine column. Each child in the process of completing a series should be listed under the provisional/military dependent category of the appropriate vaccine.

The School Immunization Report is due by **November 15, 2015**. Reports can be consolidated by district or submitted individually by school. If you have no children in the reportable groups, please complete the online form with a “no” response in the appropriate categories and submit by the November 15th deadline.

Things to keep in mind:

1. Exemptions: For Nebraska students, there are two exemptions to the immunizations requirements that may be submitted in lieu of the required dates of immunization:

- A. A statement signed by a licensed medical physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, stating that the specified immunization would be injurious to the student or to a member of the student's household. This does not include chiropractic physicians.
- B. A **notarized** affidavit stating that immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of the student's religious beliefs.

Students with exemptions on file may need to be excluded from school if there is an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease.

2. Varicella (Chickenpox): If the student has not had the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine but has had the varicella (chickenpox) disease then a statement signed by a licensed medical physician, parent, or guardian must be submitted verifying the name of the student and the year in which he/she had the disease.
3. Provisional Enrollment: Some immunizations call for multiple doses of vaccine. For students who have not completed all doses required, state statute allows them to be provisionally enrolled in school if they have received at least one dose of each of the required vaccines prior to enrollment **and** continue to get the remaining shots as rapidly as is medically feasible. This means that school staff will need to track progress toward the completion of the required immunizations. Vaccine series do **not** need to be restarted if the child has a documented immunization record, even if it has been a long time since the last dose, just have the child finish the series.

Anyone who was provisionally enrolled during a previous school year must now be fully immunized or have an exemption on file before attending classes during the 2015-2016 school years. Students in grades K-12 and all out of state transfers are covered by the updated rules and regulations and should have documentation on file. See Summary of School Immunizations Rules and Regulations.

For complete information, please refer to Title 173 of the Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 3: Rules and Regulations Relating to School Health, Communicable Disease Control, Physical Examination and Immunization Standards. Title 173 is available on the Internet:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/t173-3.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact the Nebraska Immunization Program at (402) 471-6423 or (800) 798-1696. DHHS.Immunization@Nebraska.gov.

Copy and paste links in your browser or hold control down & click the link

The information below will need to be compiled prior to completing the online School Immunization Report. Print and complete prior to opening the survey.

QUESTION	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	
How many students are enrolled in Kindergarten or 1st grade?	Entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade	
How many Kindergarten or 1st grade students have a vaccine exemption on file?	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
DTaP / DTP / DT / Td: How many enrolled students have received 3 or more doses with at least one dose given at or after 4 years of age?	Entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
IPV / OPV / Polio: How many enrolled students have received 3 or more doses?	Entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
MMR: How many enrolled students have received 2 doses with the first dose at or after 12 months of age?	Entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade	
	SERO or EPI Confirmed	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
Hepatitis B: How many enrolled students have received 3 or more doses of vaccine?	Provisional or Military Dependent	
	Entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
Varicella: How many enrolled students have received 2 doses with the first dose at or after 12 months of age?	Provisional or Military Dependent	
	Entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade	
	Has had disease or positive lab work	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
How many students are enrolled in 7th grade?	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
	Entering 7th Grade	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
How many 7th Grade students have a vaccine exemption on file?	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
	Entering 7th Grade	
Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis): How many enrolled 7th grade students have received 1 dose?	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
	Entering 7th Grade	
MMR: How many enrolled 7th grade students have received 2 doses with the first dose at or after 12 months of age?	SERO or EPI Confirmed	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
Hepatitis B: How many enrolled 7th grade students have received 3 Doses of Pediatric or 2 Doses of Adolescent Vaccine if the Student is 11 - 15 Years of Age?	Entering 7th Grade	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
Varicella: How many enrolled 7th grade students have received 2 doses with the first dose at or after 12 months of age?	Entering 7th Grade	
	Has had disease or positive lab work	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	

QUESTION	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	
How many enrolled students are out-of-state transfers regardless of grade?	Out-of-state transfers regardless of grade	
How many out-of-state transfer students have a vaccine exemption on file?	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
MMR: How many enrolled students that are out-of-state transfers have received 2 doses with the first dose at or after 12 months of age?	Out-of-state Transfers	
	SERO or EPI Confirmed	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
Hepatitis B: How many enrolled students that are out-of-state transfers have received 3 Doses of Pediatric or 2 Doses of Adolescent Vaccine if the Student is 11 - 15 Years of Age?	Out-of-state Transfers	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	
Varicella: How many enrolled students that are out-of-state transfers have received 2 doses with the first dose at or after 12 months of age?	Out-of-state Transfers	
	Has had disease or positive lab work	
	Exempt for Medical Reason	
	Exempt for Religious Reason	
	Provisional or Military Dependent	